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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges—Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot—Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

New Madrid County will be 105 years old October 1.

In many counties in the state members of the exemption boards had to resign as they were within the drafting age.

All three members of the Mississippi County Exemption Board resigned and a new board will be selected. They were all in the draft age.

A St. Louis firm is opening up a clay mine near Bloomfield. The clay is of very fine quality and seems to be suitable for the manufacture of queensware.

Some chap long on figures and time to burn has figured out that it takes \$117.00 to feed a 1000 pound horse one year, at the present prices of oats, corn and hay in Missouri. No wonder the tin lizzies are becoming plentiful.

Harry Blanton, the prosecuting attorney of Scott county, passed the examination three months ago for the officers reserve corps and went to Fort Riley, Kansas. After two months of hard work and drilling and study he was discharged on account of weak eyes. He is back at home and has taken up his official duties again.

A new Methodist church is to be erected at Advance to take the place of the one destroyed by fire several months ago. R. C. Wageley, of St. Louis, has the contract and he has already commenced the excavation of the basement. The building will cost approximately \$12,000 and will be ready for occupancy by the first of the year.

Two blankets were found in Bollinger county a few days ago that were carried miles by the wind and it was found that neither had been unfolded in their long flight. The blankets still had a price tag on them and it is believed they came from some destroyed store. The field where the blankets were found is over ten miles from the path of the storm.

Mrs. Gertrude Fisher, a widow of Cape Girardeau, who for the past seven years has been eking a poor living for herself and small daughter, became heir to one-third of her father's estate when the affairs were settled several days ago. Her share will be close to \$30,000. Her father was Sheriff Duffy of Paragould, Ark., known also as a well-to-do farmer.

The old idea of eating corn-bread instead of biscuit to reduce living expenses no longer holds good, for corn is not a cheap product any more. The West Plains Gazette reports a load of corn sold in that city a few days ago for \$2.00 a bushel, which is only a very few cents less than wheat brings nowadays.

Better keep your eye on the newspapers and see when it is time to report for examination before the local Board of Exemptions. If you are not in the first draft, perhaps you can be of service by informing some one else who is, and at any rate it will scarcely be long until there will be a second call which may include you, if you have registered for army service.

David R. Francis, former governor of Missouri, now ambassador to Russia, has been re-elected president of the board of curators of the University of Missouri. Mr. Francis, who holds an honorary degree from the University, has served eighteen years on the school's governing board.

When a Missouri Pacific section gang near Lexington decorated the hand car with flags, the section foreman, who by the way was a Frenchman, announced that he wouldn't stand for such "foolishness," and tore the flags off. The gang thereupon refused to work under him and notified the authorities who put the foreman under arrest.

There are five districts in Missouri in which appeal boards will be appointed to pass on requests for exemption from military duty under the present draft law. The board for Southeast Missouri is composed of the following persons: Dr. G. S. Cannon, Farmington; C. S. DeWald, East Prairie; C. O. Biggs, Dexter; Jessie M. Garrett, Flat River; Almon Ing, Poplar Bluff.

A Cotton Belt passenger train ran into a headhouse that was blown on the track by a violent wind at Dexter a few days ago just before its arrival at the station. The front of the engine was badly scorched but no one was injured in the accident. The storm did other damage in the vicinity, a roof being torn from a large building and several hundred shade trees blown down.

It has become a question whether, under the law, J. H. Malugen of Bonne Terre, is able to hold the office as treasurer of the Farmington Hospital. Mr. Malugen, recently appointed, does not live near the institution as the law provides, being a resident of Bonne Terre, 15 miles away. His bond was accepted three to two, but the latter two men took the matter into court for a legal decision.

S. A. Lewis of Doniphan, spent a couple of days in Van Buren this week securing recruits for the new Sixth Regiment company being organized at Doniphan, which will be mustered into the Federal service on August 5th. About a dozen of our young men applied for membership in this company and will be examined at this place Monday.—Current Local.

William Wilhite, a young man, was arrested in Cape Girardeau the other day on a charge of molesting several young ladies of that city. During the past few weeks many complaints have been made about this "Jack the Hagger," but he never could be found. Last Saturday an officer saw a man chasing a young girl and took Wilhite into custody. The girl disappeared and so far has not appeared to help prosecute the case and Wilhite has been held only on a vagrancy charge.

We believe we have hit upon a scheme for ending the war in the allies' favor and have our boys out of the trenches before Christmas. The Springfield Republican says:—Send 100 Springfield motorists to the front with instructions to drive at the Ger-

man armies with the same ruthless disregard of human life as when they scot through the streets at home with the speed of the bats out of Hades, regardless if that doesn't break through the Hindenburg line and drive the Teuton soldiers to the tall timber nothing else will.

S. B. Tatum was in Parma Saturday, and witnessed the cutting and slashing of Marshal Greer and two of his deputies and a bystander named Jones. The latter was dangerously out, the other three seriously wounded. A timberman whose name we did not learn was creating a disturbance on the streets of Parma, when Marshal Greer went to arrest him. The man without warning began to slash right and left with his knife and out the four men. In the excitement he made his escape. All four were out about the chest and stomach.—Exchange.

Alex Hecht on Sunday walked the thirty-five miles distance to Doniphan in seven and one-half hours. His brother, Louis Hecht, merchant of Cape Girardeau, offered a prize of five dollars to Alex if he could accomplish this feat, resulting in it being done. Young Hecht also had a bet with his brother-in-law, Charley Miller, that he could walk to Doniphan in eight hours. By walking the distance in seven and one-half hours he won this bet as well as the prize offered by his brother, Louis.—P. B. Citizen.

Malden, Mo., July 23, Charley Postlewaite, white, and Sam Hall, negro foreman of a clearing gang, were killed in a running fight at Risco, New Madrid County, seven miles east of Malden, yesterday afternoon, when a crowd of whites undertook to run negroes out of town. Hall was running when shot down, it is said, and as he fell he shot and killed Postlewaite. The negroes were employed by neighboring landowners and had gone to town to make purchase. There is considerable race feeling and most of the negroes are leaving the vicinity.

The local military companies of both Poplar Bluff and Sikeston are quartered at these two towns, and the men composing each have given up their occupations and are putting in their time drilling, studying war manuals and hardening for the service. We understand that Poplar Bluff has assumed the obligation of taking care of the soldier boys, which costs something like \$75 per day. At Sikeston over \$1000 was made up by popular subscription to feed and quarter that company. These are not the only companies composing the Sixth Regiment whose expenses are paid by the citizens of their respective towns.

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IS COLLEGE STUDENT AT 26

Mrs. Amy D. Winship Agent is Reported at the University of Wisconsin.

Madison, Wis.—Mrs. Amy D. Winship, oldest college student, has returned to attend the summer session at the University of Wisconsin. She spent the winter at the University of California.

Now eighty-six years of age, Mrs. Winship has attended the university twice before, once in 1913-14 and during the 1916 summer session, and asserts that she will attend college until she is ninety.

Green history is her chief interest this summer. She is also continuing her study of botany and zoology.

Can Green Apple Sauce For Winter.

Do you ever hanker in the winter for the nice fresh green apple sauce which we connect with summer days? And doesn't the thought of green apple pie fairly make your mouth water? Then just think of the green apples that are allowed to go to waste in the summer. Miss Stanley of the home economics department of Missouri University tells how to save this waste:

If it is "apple sass" that you want, make it just as if you were going to serve it immediately as you probably shall some of it, but any that is left over put away in a jar and sterilize for twenty minutes; you will be glad that you did. It will fill an empty corner in many a meal and furnish a flavor that all will appreciate.

The apples for pie are easier to put up. The apples which fall off green are usually speckled, peel them, remove the cores and slice into a jar instead of into a pie. Add 1-4 cup of sugar to each quart, or leave out the sugar entirely until the pie is to be made. Fill the jars as full as possible, adjust the covers loosely and sterilize for twenty minutes. The fruit will probably shrink during this process, so open the cans and use the contents of same to fill up the others.

Close, adjust the rubbers and sterilize again for ten minutes. Seal while boiling hot. Remember now, after the busy nights, to go out and pick up the apples and save at least some of them for a dish of sauce or a green apple pie in the winter time when the fresh flavor will add zest to the diet.

Governor Gardner Urges Road Building.

Governor Frederick D. Gardner, in an open letter, urging the voters of Mississippi county to adopt a bond issue to improve their roads and bridges, said in part:

The economic value of properly constructed and maintained roadways cannot be over-estimated, and the verdict of your people at the polls on July 28th give impetus to the good roads movement in Missouri. The organization of drainage districts, the raising of immense sums of money through the sale of bonds, and the application of business methods in dealing with a problem which baffled solution for generations, has resulted in the reclamation of hundreds of thousands of acres of tillable land in Mississippi and adjoining counties. This arable soil needs only the touch of a plowshare to afford a bountiful yield, but the handicap of hauling cereal and vegetable crops to market over bad roads must be overcome, in order to stimulate greater production and insure a full measure of profit to the producer."

Mississippi The Banner Co.

The qualified voters of Mississippi county on Saturday, July 28th, adopted a \$375,000 bond issue for road and bridge purposes by a vote of ten to one. This enables Mississippi county to the banner as progressive good roads county, since the six-to-one majority in St. Louis county held the lead up to this time. The "Spirit of co-operation in the good roads movement in Mississippi county is the

finest I have witnessed anywhere in Missouri," said Secretary McKibbin, of the State Highway Board, who addressed a meeting on the court house lawn in Charleston on July 28th. Business houses closed for the occasion, and people attended the meeting from every section of the county.

The passage of the national rivers and harbors bill insures the building of a government levee which will protect, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemisoot, and Dunklin counties from overflow, and the building of good roads through that territory will do more than any other single agency to develop the richest section of the state.

An Illinois Revolution.

A revolution has been taking place in Illinois and few outsiders knew of it. Following the enactment of the new school law and its approval by Gov. Lowden June 26 there has been an overhauling of the 30,150 public school buildings of the state to make them conform to the uniform requirements as to light, heat, fire protection and ventilation.

Not only does the new law make radical changes necessary in many school buildings on account of the causes named and for sanitation, but there are provisions that are still subject to discussion and which may not prove so popular.

One of these provisions is for the imposition of a special tax in districts having no high schools for the purpose of paying the tuition of pupils in a recognized high school outside the district. The answer to objections on this score is, of course, that each district where there are a sufficient number of pupils of the right age should provide a high school.

Another section of the law provides for the compulsory education of blind or deaf children, at public expense, if necessary. Special elections were held in all counties in the State Wednesday to choose school boards under the new law.

Convicts on Public Roads.

A working arrangement is being perfected by the State Highway Board and the State Prison Board which will make it possible for counties in Missouri to use convicts on public roads to advantage. Necessary machinery and camp equipment will be provided, and counties or civil subdivisions will be required to pay a flat rate per man employed.

It is expected that the rate will not exceed \$1.50 per day. This will include the cost of guarding and feeding all men in camp. There are several hundred able-bodied convicts in the Missouri prison now available for road work. The State Highway Board favors the inauguration of the honor system in Missouri, patterned after methods used successfully in a number of other states. Convicts can be used to advantage in many counties in grading around bluffs or steep hillsides, in order to take roads out of creek bottoms, or in the operation of rock quarries and gravel pits. The use of convicts in road work will be found desirable in many counties where there is a scarcity of local labor.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

BASQUE PITCHING RETIRES GERMANS

Expert "Pelota" Players Strike Out Teuton Regiments With Hand Grenades.

ENEMY GUNNERS ARE DAFFLED

Pyrenean Troops Hold Graciosa Key Position Despite Desperate Attacks—German Artillery Fires Almost at Random.

French Front.—Grenades thrown with wonderful precision by devotees of "pelota," the national game of Cuba, of Spain and of the Basque country in the southwest of France, have done much toward defeating the almost incessant counter-attacks by the Germans on the plateau of Graciosa, overshadowing Orreaga, and on the Casemates plateau, further west along the Chemin des Dames, which are joined by a narrow crest.

These men, whose homes are in the Pyrenees, have fought gallantly since the outbreak of hostilities. It was they who took Orreaga, the key position of the eastern end of the Chemin des Dames, and it was they who were in possession of the town and its vicinity when the Germans made their repeated efforts to reconquer the ground, to which their commanders attach so much importance.

The latest valiant German effort was made on June 6, when General von Bohm with two fresh divisions of Rhineland troops, the Fifteenth and the Forty-first, who had just been hurried back from the Rumanian front, assaulted the Graciosa and the Casemates plateau with a suddenness and fury such as has rarely been noted on the part of the Germans.

Snug in Their Shell Holes. The attack opened with a most furious artillery bombardment, under which, however, the Basques put tight to their trenches improvised out of shell holes. When the awful hurricane of shells ceased the occupants of the trenches saw advancing toward them wave after wave of German infantry, who crossed the torn up ground elbow to elbow, their numbers far in excess of those of the French defenders.

Not a sign, however, was given by the Basques of yielding ground until the German ranks opened and brought to view men equipped with implements throwing liquid flames. Then and only then the Basques fell back at those portions of their line which were sprinkled with blazing spirit. This retirement was but a temporary one. The French soon organized a counter-attack with grenades and bayonets. The hand grenades were thrown by them with such precision owing to their lifelong practice at their favorite game that they forced the Germans out again rapidly and in the fury of their onrush even advanced beyond their original line.

On the right of this Basque line the famous chasseurs had an equally severe fight with the attacking Germans, who were eventually thrown back, after suffering great losses.

German Gunners Baffled. Not an inch of the ground gained by the French in the first movement of the offensive has been lost. The German artillery is compelled to fire almost at random, since the French possess all the most valuable observatories, whence they can watch the movements of their enemies in the valley of the Affette down below and on the crest at the other side, which before the French offensive was the third German position.

Information gathered from the prisoners shows that the German high command cannot reconcile itself to the loss of Orreaga and the Chemin des Dames, and the officers of the fighting units have been ordered repeatedly to retake them at any cost.

SHE RIDES ELEPHANT FOR RED CROSS FUND

Madison, Wis.—"To the Red Cross, from Helen Miller, \$100 won on a bet that she wouldn't ride an elephant in the circus parade."

This note accompanied a subscription to the local Red Cross society. The circus came to town and Helen rode the elephant, declaring after that she even enjoyed the experience.

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